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MANILA FOR LEGATT; CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD AND ICA
- ADVISER

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TAGS: PDIP, CFED, PORS, SOCI, CVIS (MEIER, JOHN H.),
- CPRS, TN, US, CA

SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: JOHN HERBERT MEIER (AKA IVOR A.
- ROBERTSON)

REF: (A) STATE 193923 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 180267 (NOTAL),
- (C) WELLINGTON 03792

1. AUSTRALIAN HICOM WELLINGTON SOURCE HAS INFORMED US
THAT MEIER'S FAMILY DEPARTED FOR CANADA ON JULY 29,
BUT THAT MEIER IS APPARENTLY STILL IN AUSTRALIA.
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ACCORDING TO THE HICOM SOURCE, MEIER TELEPHONED THE
KING OF TONGA ON JULY 28 STATING THAT HE WOULD BE RE-
TURNING TO TONGA THIS WEEK. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE WERE IN-
FORMED BY CAPT. TUITA OF THE TONGAN PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE THAT MEIER IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO TONGA,
PROBABLY ON A SATURDAY (AUG 5) FLIGHT FROM AUCKLAND.

2. WE THEREFORE INTEND TO SEND TODAY A FORMAL REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL ARREST TO THE GNZ UNDER ARTICLE II (32) OF THE US-NZ EXTRADITION TREATY. MFA HAS BEEN INFORMALLY NOTIFIED OF OUR INTENTION AND IS PRESENTLY CHECKING TO DETERMINE WHETHER MEIER HAS BOOKED AIRLINE RESERVATIONS THROUGH AUCKLAND.

3. IN FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN ART. XI OF THE TREATY CONCERNING "SUCH FURTHER INFORMATION, . . . , AS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO JUSTIFY THE ISSUE OF A WARRANT OF ARREST HAD THE OFFENSE BEEN COMMITTED, . . . , IN THE TERRITORY OF THE REQUESTED PARTY," THE EMBASSY IS STATING THE FOLLOWING IN ITS NOTE TO MFA:

- "MR. MEIER WAS INDICTED ON MAY 17, 1978 BY GRAND JURY SITTING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR UTAH FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 1503, UNITED STATES CODE. HE IS CHARGED UNDER THIS STATUTE WITH 'ENDEAVORING TO INFLUENCE, OBSTRUCT, OR IMPEDE THE DUE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE' BY CAUSING TO BE ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF HUGHES TOOL CO. V. HARRIS, MEIER, ET ALL., DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY SIGNED BY THE LATE MR. HOWARD HUGHES, WHICH THE COURT SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND TO HAVE BEEN FABRICATED BY MR. MEIER."

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- IF THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS STATEMENT REQUIRES AMENDMENT OR AMPLIFICATION TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ART. XI, PLEASE NOTIFY THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY.

5. CAPT. TUITA ALSO INFORMED US THAT CABLES HAVE NOT RPT. NOT BEEN SENT TO THE GOA OR TO MEIER NOTIFYING EITHER OF THE REVOCATION OF MEIER'S TONGAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, BUT HE CONFIRMED THE INTENTION OF THE GOT TO WITHDRAW THE PASSPORT ON MEIER'S ARRIVAL IN TONGA. SELDEN

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